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## PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: July 24, 2007 / 1:30 pm  
Date/Time of Occurrence: July 24, 2007 / 9:00am  
Nature of Call: Bank Robbery  
Location of Call: Placer Sierra Bank, Newcastle, Ca.  
Case Number: SO-070010424  
Released by: Lieutenant Jeffrey Ausnow

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

At approximately 9:00 am the Placer County Sheriff's Department received a hold up alarm at the Newcastle branch of the Placer Sierra Bank, 458 Main Street in Newcastle. Telephone contact with the bank confirmed that a male subject had just entered the bank and robbed a teller at gunpoint.

The teller advised that the subject entered the bank carrying a briefcase and approached the front counter. The subject was very aggressive and pointed a small, black handgun at the teller, stating "This is a robbery, give me your money and make it quick". The teller complied and placed the money in the briefcase. After the subject left the bank, the teller was able to activate the silent alarm and obtained a good description of the subject and his vehicle.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department immediately dispatched units to the area and began searching for the suspect. At 9:13 am Placer County units located a matching vehicle, a 1990's white Dodge 4x4 truck, traveling on Taylor Road in Loomis. Deputies initiated a traffic stop on the truck which pulled into the USA gas station in Loomis. While entering the gas station, the suspect vehicle struck a Coca Cola delivery truck in the parking lot and stopped. Deputies contacted the driver, James Dale Wilbur 56 from Lincoln, and determined he was the suspect of the robbery.

Wilbur was found in possession of the briefcase containing money from the Placer Sierra Bank and a .380 semi automatic handgun. Wilbur spontaneously confessed to the robbery and was arrested for 211 P.C., armed robbery.

Wilbur was transported to the Placer County Jail in Auburn where he was booked.